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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6253**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1163

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 25, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Fishing on Township Ponds.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Tyler

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill allows a person to fish on a body of water that is located entirely within a township park without a fishing license.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** It is possible that the proposal could result in fewer fishing licenses being sold, which would result in a reduction in revenue generated by the sale of fishing licenses. The number of cases that this provision will exempt is unknown though not expected to be significant.

The cost of an annual fishing license for a resident is \$17. Revenue from the sale of fishing licenses is deposited in the Fish & Wildlife Fund, which is used to finance the Division of Law Enforcement and the Division of Fish & Wildlife of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Townships could be affected to the extent that free fishing could encourage the use of the township park. If park entrance fees are collected, eligible townships could see an increase in revenue.

**State Agencies Affected:** DNR.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Townships with a park.

**Information Sources:** DNR.

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